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Remarks

Claims 1, 6, 8, 9, and 25-27 are pending. Claim 25 has been amended to add a lower concentration limit for propylene glycol of 0.5% .w/v. Support for this element is found throughout the specification as filed, for example, in the specification as filed at page 20, lines 9-11, page 21, lines 27-29, page 23, line 30 to page 24, line 1, page 27, line 8, and in original claim 14 (page 69, lines 24, 29). No new matter is added by this amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The prior rejection of claims 1, 6, 8, 9, and 27 as obvious over U.S. Pat. No. 6,743,436 to Lee in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,452,817 to Glen as evidenced by U.S. Pat. No. 6,623,765 to Dennis has been withdrawn because Lee fails to teach addition of propylene glycol and Glen teaches addition of propylene glycol at significantly higher concentration (10% to 40%) than in claim 1 (0.5% to 2%). Office Action at § 6. As amended, claim 25 requires 0.5% to 1% w/v propylene glycol, in all other respects being identical to claim 1. Therefore for the same reasons that claims 1, 6, 8, 9, and 27 were found allowable over Lee, Glen, and Dennis, so should the pending rejection of claims 25 and 26 over those patents now be withdrawn.

Double Patenting

Claims 1, 6, 8, 9, and 25-27 stand rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-47 of commonly-owned U.S. Patent No. 7,550,155. With this amendment Applicants file a terminal disclaimer over the '155 patent. In view of this disclaimer, the double patenting rejection also should be withdrawn. M.P.E.P. 804,02.II.

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Conclusion

For the reasons above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact their undersigned representative if it appears that this may expedite examination and allowance of the claims.

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